

NORTH COAST FUN CLUB

Hi again! Well we are just about through winter now and the weather will be warming up now we are coming into spring. Fun Club will be having more outdoor outings such as picnics, nature walks etc. and swimming for the adventurists.

Fun Club did not have an outing in May because a Biala dance was held at the Ballina Masonic Hall. Many people came from far and wide! It was a great night! Thanks to Sue Parker, Wendylee and the Board of Management of Biala Support Services Inc. The night would also not have been the success that it was if it wasn't for the dedicated volunteers. Thanks go to Chris & Allan, Peter & Joanne, Shane, Andrew and everyone else who helped on the night including the Carers. Don't forget, Sue & Wendylee have planned another dance for the 1st of October 2005. The dance will start at 6.45 pm and finish at 10.00 pm. A great supper will be provided. Cold drinks will be for sale for \$1.00. Please phone Sue Parker on 66865143 or Wendylee Playford on 66864763 for further enquiries.

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY 25.6.05 (22 Clients attended)

Well...it nearly rained! It was raining that morning, stayed overcast most of the day at Currumbin, but didn't rain!!! This was not only great because we didn't get wet, but also because it was cool. We all know how hot it can get in the sanctuary because it is surrounded by trees! We watched bird shows, fed the koalas, watched music shows and even a snake show! (Who were those fantastic dancers at the music show who won prizes?) And ... how many train rides did we have??? We got there in time for the rainbow lorikeet bird feeding. People got lots of great pictures. Boy all those birds sitting on the plates of honey and water were heavy! But wasn't it excellent! It was a bit of a shock when they began to sit on our heads and shoulders and they even gripped onto any part of our clothing and anywhere on our bodies that they could get a hold of! We had to wash up after woods because we were sticky and had some bird droppings on us! (Now that's getting close to nature!!!)

Rocky Creek Dam – games, walk & picnic 23.7.05 (15 Clients attended)

What a beautiful outing! The dam sure looked a lot better than the last time Fun Club went there when it was at the worst of the drought! The sun was out, the birds were singing...and so were we! (Some of us better than others! Did I hear people groaning at times when I was singing???) We had morning tea when we got there, then got into some serious cricketing! Very competitive. Chris was 'bodyline' bowling; Michael was batting away like crazy. The fielders were kept on their toes I can assure you! People from other groups turned up to join us there too. We went for a bit of a walk, and then had lunch. Some people forgot to bring their picnic lunches and we shared ours with them. (Please read your fliers carefully.) Unfortunately we didn't see the giant goannas. I think we must have scared them into hiding! The drive to get there and home had magnificent views. It was a lovely outing.

Get-together at Biala School (It was to be a picnic at Missingham Park!) 13.8.05 (15 clients attended)

I'm sorry that I put the mocha on us with the weather by boasting in the last newsletter how the weather is always good to us!!! It rained & rained on this outing! This was the first Fun Club outing for me to be rained out! We've had a couple of little sprinkles on a couple of outings, but this was hideous! So ... we went to Biala and played celebrity heads and quizzes, danced and watched a video. We made the most of our time together. There was lots of laughing and fun. We will do the Missingham Park picnic some other time guys!

Well, that's it for yet another riveting little newsletter! Hope to see you at the next outing!!! Till next time ...

Yours truly, Rhonda Honda